

Resolution No. RS2018-1239

A resolution approving and authorizing the execution and acceptance of an easement agreement with the State of Tennessee conveying easements for sidewalks, bus stops, traffic signalization, and drainage to the Metropolitan Government and the Metropolitan Transit Authority for use in the Nashville Transit Signal Priority System Project, FTA FY 2013 TIGER Grant No. TN-79-0001 (Proposal No. 2018M-049ES-001).

WHEREAS, on Friday, September 6, 2013, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the award of a \$10 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 2013 grant to the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) to fund Nashville's Transit Signal Priority System upgrade along the Murfreesboro Pike corridor, Nashville Transit Signal Priority System Project, FTA FY 2013 TIGER Grant No. TN-79-0001(the Project); and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council, in Resolution Number RS2013-901 commended MTA for securing this TIGER grant to fund the Project: and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government, through the Department of Information Technology Services and the Department of Public Works, is working with MTA to implement the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Project includes the installation of upgraded traffic signal equipment and safety enhancements that will improve on-time bus service and provide a more comfortable ride for those traveling to Nashville's Central Business District every day; and,

WHEREAS, the Project will upgrade decades-old traffic signals and add signal priority equipment for all of the fixed-route buses serving southeastern Nashville along Murfreesboro Road, which will allow more frequent pick-ups and drop-offs without adding more buses to already busy streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Project will also include and the TIGER grant will also fund upgraded bus shelters, real-time information signs, and new pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks (and related drainage improvements); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee owns property along the Murfreesboro Pike corridor, and easements are needed from the State of Tennessee to enable the construction of bus stops, sidewalks, drainage improvements, and traffic signalization infrastructure that are included in the Project; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that easements for sidewalks, bus stops, traffic signalization, and drainage ("easements") be acquired by the Metropolitan Government and MTA from the State of Tennessee, for use in the Project; and,

WHEREAS, said easement agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit I, and the easements are located on the properties as described in the exhibits to the easement agreements (Exhibit I, attached hereto); and,

WHEREAS, interlocal agreements with other governmental entities may be approved by resolution pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. Section 12-9-104, and the other parties to the agreement attached hereto as Exhibits I (the State of Tennessee and MTA) are all public agencies with whom the Metropolitan Government is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements pursuant to that law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The easement agreement with the State of Tennessee conveying easements for sidewalks, bus stops, traffic signalization, and drainage to the Metropolitan Government and the Metropolitan Transit Authority, attached hereto as Exhibit I, is hereby approved and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, is hereby authorized to execute and accept this easement for purposes of the Project and Proposal No. 2018M-049ES-001, the same being for a public purpose and the public convenience requiring it.

Section 2. The easements and property rights to be acquired are described the easement agreement, (Exhibit I, attached hereto), which Exhibit is incorporated by reference herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

Mark Sturtevant, Director
Public Works Department

Steve Berry, Director
Public Property Administration

Council Member(s)

APPROVED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:

Talia Lomax O'dNeal, Director
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Assistant Metropolitan Attorney